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Turning now to the merits, it is respectfully submitted that the Short reference fails to anticipate any of claims 1-22 as originally submitted. Among other things, Short does not disclose separately receiving or playing back sounds from separate sound sources. Rather, Short relies on spatial separation. For at least these reasons, the rejection over Short should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

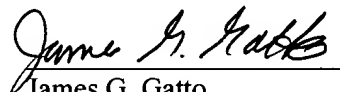
It is respectfully submitted that this Application is now in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for the Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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